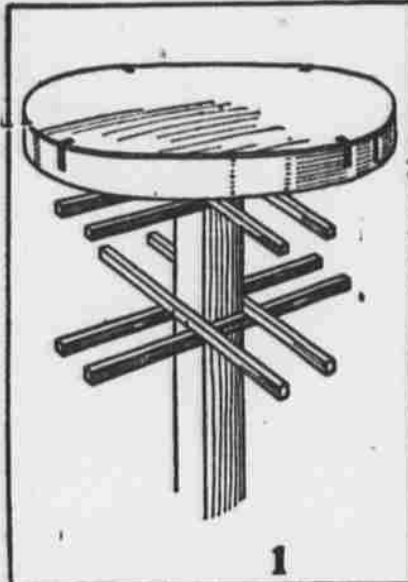


For Handy Boys and Girls to Make and Do

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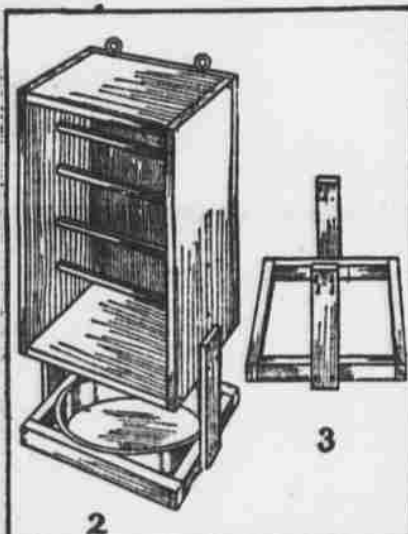
BIRD SHELTERS AND BATHS.
Figure 1 shows a practical form of bird shelter that is easily built. It may be constructed upon the top of a clothespost, or a post may be put up especially for the purpose.
A cheese-box cover forms the roof of this shelter, and you can get one



of these for the asking at your grocery.

Any thin sticks of a length equal to the diameter of the cheese-box cover will do for the shelter perches. There are four pairs of these perches, and they should be nailed at their centers to opposite sides of the post support in the manner shown in the illustration.

Figure 2 shows a shelter and bath. Any medium-sized grocery-box will do for the shelter, and an old tin pan will answer the purpose of a receptacle for bath water. Four or five cross sticks should be placed within the box for perches, and be fastened by nails



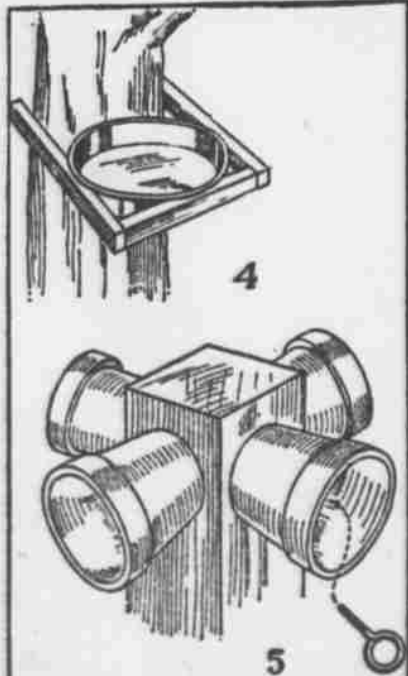
driven through the box sides into their ends.

The water pan is supported in a wooden frame (Fig. 3) hung from the bottom of the shelter box by a pair of uprights. The frame should be made of the right size so the pan receptacle will set down between the strips, and the rim will rest upon the strips. The frame must be long enough, of course, so the uprights can be fastened to both it and the box, as shown, and in case the pan to be used does not reach from one end strip to the strip opposite, as it is shown to do in the illustration, it will be necessary to fasten extra cross strips at the right places to support the rim.

Screw a pair of screw-eyes into the top of the box as a provision for hanging the shelter on a tree, on a post, or on a wall.

Figure 4 shows a simple way in which to fasten a pan bath to a tree trunk.

The flower-pot shelters in Fig. 5 present a novel appearance in a yard.

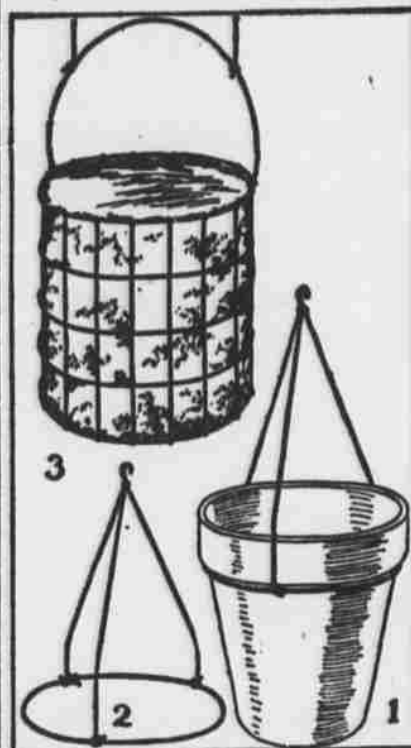


The simplest method of fastening the flower-pots is by using screw-eyes, screwing a screw-eye through the hole in the bottom of each pot into the post or other support. The screw-eye can be turned by hand, and the eye is large enough to hold the pot in place, which is the advantage of using a screw-eye instead of a screw.

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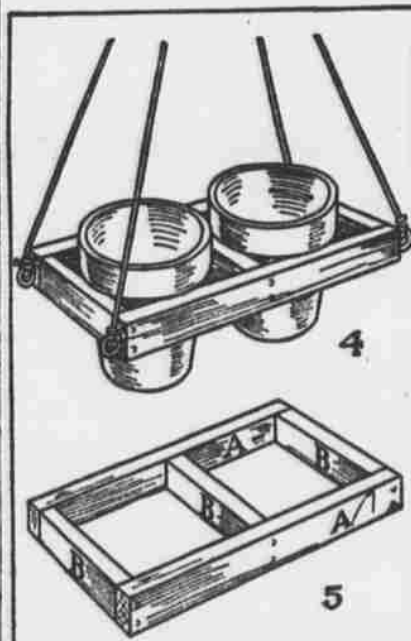
HANGING FLOWER BOXES AND BASKETS.

The flower-pot basket in Fig. 1 is supported in a frame like that shown in Fig. 2, made out of lightweight wire. Stovepipe wire is a good kind to use, as it is easily bent and breaks with a few twists at the point desired, making a pair of wire cutters unnecessary.



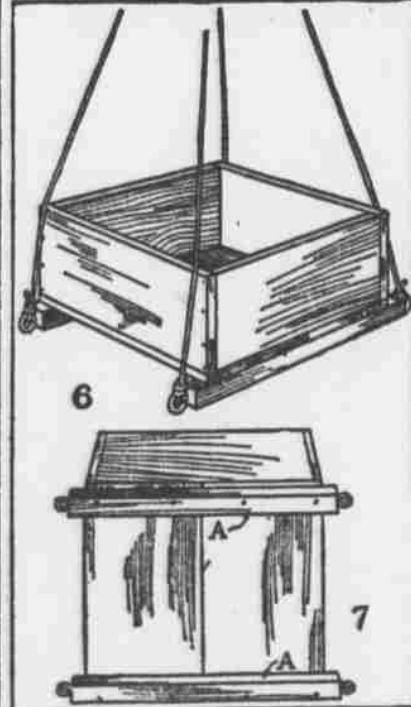
First form the wire ring of the proper diameter to catch around the underside of the top flange of the flower pot, then attach the three wire hangers to the ring, spacing them equidistantly, and join the upper ends in a hook as shown.

The basket shown in Fig. 3 is made from a wire egg basket. If you haven't an unused basket in the house, you can get a new one for 10 or 12 cents. They come in different shapes and



sizes, but the one here shown is of the best proportions for a flower basket.

Figure 4 shows how two or more flower-pots may be combined in a wooden frame for a hanging box, and Fig. 5 shows how the frame strips are nailed together. Cross strips B should be of the length of the outside diameter of the flower-pots, measured just



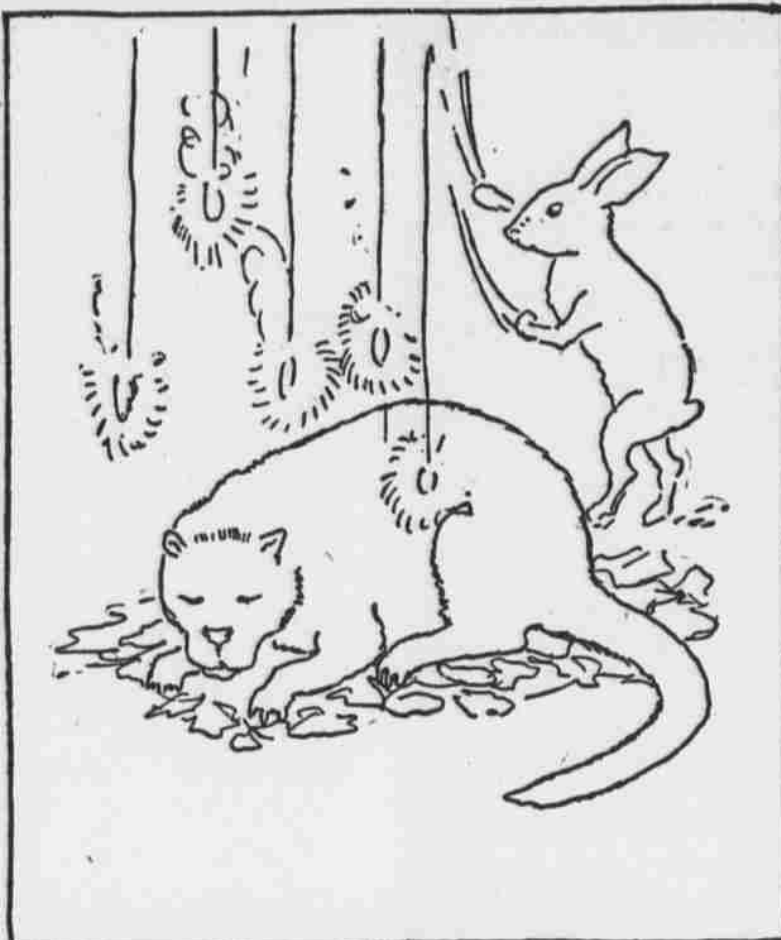
beneath the top flange, and strips A should be of the proper length to connect the cross pieces. After nailing the frame strips together, screw screw-eyes into the ends of strips A, to which to tie the suspending cords.

The hanging box shown in Fig. 6 may be made out of any shallow grocery box. All that is necessary to prepare it for use is to reinforce the nailing of the boards where they show signs of loosening, and to provide it with hangers. The best manner of attaching the hangers is as shown in Fig. 7, which is a view of the box bottom. Strips A are several inches longer than the width of the box, and are nailed on crosswise with the bottom boards.

New Indian Animal Stories

How the Rabbit Stole the Otter's Tail

By JOHN M. OSKISON



Color the Animals to Suit Yourself.

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Long time ago the animals met and held a council to decide who had the finest coat. In those days, they were always quarrelling about their good looks, for they did not have enough to do to keep themselves busy.

Far up the creek lived the otter—so far that he very seldom came down to visit the other animals. It was said that the otter had a very fine coat, but it had been such a long time since any of them had seen him that no one could remember just how it looked.

When the word went out to come to the council the rabbit said he would go and make sure that the otter would come. And to himself the rabbit said:

"I must have the most beautiful coat of all at the council. I will go to the otter, and if his coat is as fine as I think it is, I must plan a way to steal it and wear it at the council."

So the rabbit went up the creek to where the otter lived and invited him to the council. As soon as he saw the otter, the rabbit knew that his soft brown fur coat was the most beautiful of all.

"The animals sent me to bring you to the council," said the rabbit to the otter. "It is a long way from here, and I will be glad to go with you." The otter thanked him and they started back to the council.

They traveled all day and at night they made a camp. The rabbit selected the camping ground, for, as he said to the otter, "you are a stranger here and I know just what to do."

After he had cut some little bushes for beds and they had finished their supper, the rabbit took a stick and began to shave it down to the shape of a paddle. The otter asked him:

"What are you doing that for?"
"Oh," said the rabbit, "I have good dreams when I sleep with a paddle under my head."

Then the rabbit cut a clear path from the fire to the edge of the stream. "Why are you doing that?" asked the otter.

"I will tell you," said the rabbit. "This place is very near the Fire Sky, and maybe it will rain fire tonight. You go to sleep and I will sit up and watch. If it does begin to rain fire I will shout. Then you jump right up and run to the water. But first hang up your coat on a limb over there, so that it won't get burnt."

And so the otter hung his coat on a limb and went sound asleep. After a while the fire burned down to red coals; the rabbit called, but the otter never stirred; he called again, but the otter was too sound asleep to hear. Then the rabbit took up some hot coals on the paddle he had made and threw them into the air. At the same time he shouted, "It is raining fire! Run to the water, Mr. Otter!"

The otter woke up and saw hot coals falling all around him, and he lost no time in running to the river and jumping in. Then the rabbit took the otter's coat, put it on and went to the council.

At the council every one thought the otter had a beautiful coat, but he was very bashful, for he kept a paw over his face all the time. Finally the bear came up and pulled the paw away and there was the rabbit with his split lip! Before the bear could catch him the rabbit jumped up and got away.

But the bear got a piece of his tail and so now the rabbit has only a stump of a tail left; and, besides, the rabbit had to give back the otter's coat.

AMUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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A Bow and Arrow.

bow, which is 26 inches in length, is made of two pieces of strong steel wire connected to a nickel-plated hand-piece shaped so that the arrow can be quickly placed in position for shooting. The bowstring is made of strong material and the arrow is of hard wood, 15 inches long, with a soft rubber tip, and weighs only 8 ounces.

Warning to Flirts.

Fritz Scheff was condemning the flirt.

"The flirt," she said, "has a good time in the present—a good time of a sort in the present—but what about the future?"

"Many a girl is on the shelf today because she kept men on the rack yesterday."

Hard to Turn.

What key is the hardest to turn? A donkey.

OPPORTUNITY FOR FARM BOY

Washington and Lincoln Were Men of Great Strength and Had Advantage of Open Air.

For city boys, the correspondence schools and night schools afford the best means available in continuing an education. The main difficulty encountered is the fact that their hours of employment leave no time or strength for study. Many have impaired their health in attempting more than their strength would permit. Washington and Lincoln were men of great strength and endurance, and had the advantage of open-air life in their youth. This is a tremendous advantage. All farm boys have it, and they now have an advantage in many places after they leave school. Farm work is educational. The farmer who keeps his eyes and mind open grows bigger intellectually every day that he lives. The country agricultural agent, or demonstrator, adds to this advantage. He brings the school to the farm. With his help and suggestions, the boys on the farm can develop themselves in a way that makes the educational advantages of the city of negligible importance.

Who Could Resist?

Alfred was having one of his "bad" days, and upon coming to the table began to cry. He was sent to the kitchen to wait until the family had finished.

Several minutes afterward, when the incident was forgotten by all but small Alfred, the kitchen door opened softly and a small red head and a pair of dancing eyes, but a very serious little face, was thrust into the dining room, while a very pathetic little voice said: "Anybody here call Alfred?"

The Reason Why.

"My boy," said a father to his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you; for remember that you show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

400,000 Settlers a Year
Immigration figures show that the population of Canada increased during 1915, by the addition of 400,000 new settlers from the United States and Europe. Most of these have gone on farms in provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.
Lord William Percy, an English nobleman, says:
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